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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE LIBRARIES

The National Association of State Libraries held its twenty-third annual meeting at Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 3-5, 1920. Four meetings were arranged, the last of which was transferred to Saturday morning, at which time reports of various committees were made, besides discussions affecting both the American Association of Law Libraries and National Association of State Libraries.

The opening session was devoted first to the welcome from Mrs. Alice Lambert Rathborne, Assistant Librarian in charge of Colorado State Library, whose excellent paper was read by Mrs. Anna Parker Hyder, her assistant; and the entertaining address of Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford, Superintendent of Public Instruction and ex officio State Librarian of Colorado. Mrs. Bradford spoke at length on the ideals to be reached by co-operation between public school systems and libraries and general education and culture attained for the success and promotion of all interests of our nation and its people.

The President, Elias J. Lien, State Librarian of Minnesota, presented his timely address, arousing our interest in the future of our own organization and others allied and co-operating in a related work, and thus gave a standard for growth and ideals for work in the field of state libraries. He then introduced Mr. Johnson Brigham, State Librarian of Iowa, who gave further message on *THE FUTURE OF THE STATE LIBRARY*, which furnished inspiration to us as individual workers, and as an organization. The paper of Mr. Edward H. Redstone, Librarian of Massachusetts State Library, was read by the Secretary, on account of Mr. Redstone's inability to attend the meeting, caused by the death of a little son.

Mr. George S. Godard, State Librarian of Connecticut, told of his appointment to the Committee on Enlarged Program and his attendance at some of its meetings, but introduced Mr. Carl H. Milam, Director of the Enlarged Program and newly appointed

Secretary of the American Library Association, to fill his place on our program, explaining the work and plans of the Enlarged Program Committee.

Mr. Gilson G. Glasier, Wisconsin State Librarian, made final Report of Committee on Exchange and Distribution of State Documents and recommended the appointment of a new committee to continue the work begun, and to make an approved list of exchange agencies. He expressed his belief that the report might be published in brief form, but the majority present appreciated the volume of work it had demanded and voted that it be published in full in our proceedings. The following committees were appointed: audit, A. J. Small, Herbert Clayton; resolutions, George S. Godard, Johnson Brigham; nominations, George S. Godard, Gilson G. Glasier and Mrs. Anna Parker Hyder.

The second session was a joint session with the American Association of Law Libraries. Mr. Frank E. Chipman, President Boston Book Company, read a very scholarly paper on *OPENING SEALED DOORS*, which was most interesting and helpful, especially to librarians who deal with law books and court reports. Hon. John T. Fitzpatrick, Law Librarian of the New York State Library, was unable to attend but sent his paper on *NEW YORK SESSION LAWS*.

The paper of Conrad S. Hook, Atlantic City, *A BOOK-HUNTER'S SEARCH FOR EVER-LASTING FAME*, was read by Mr. George S. Godard, Connecticut State Librarian. It was both interesting and delightful, and many varied experiences in a book-hunter's life were cleverly told. This paper proved a rare treat.

The third session was also a joint session, immediately after which the fourth session was held without adjournment until program was completed. We were sorry to have a letter from Mr. Con P. Cronin, State Librarian of Arizona, stating his inability to appear on our program, due to a decree from the Governor who

advised that his paper be forwarded to be read. The excellent work on the part of Mr. A. J. Small, Law Librarian of Iowa, in writing on the subject of OBSERVATIONS ON BAB ASSOCIATION REPORTS, was the cause of the recommendation that he continue work begun, in order that results should be printed and placed in permanent form for ready reference.

Mr. George S. Godard, Chairman, gave Report of Joint Committee on Legislative Information.

Mr. H. C. Lindsay, State Librarian of Nebraska, was not present and failed to send paper in time to be read. His subject, SERVING WITH LAW BOOKS THE PUBLIC OF A WHOLE STATE, would have been very interesting to all members of both organizations in attendance.

The discussion on county library systems and problems was so thoroughly considered in the meeting of the League of Library Commissions, at which all persons and institutions interested were represented, that this subject was stricken out of our last session's program. The differences in state laws and their appliance to local conditions were discussed, and recommendations

were received from those persons vitally interested in promotion of county library movement and better plans for organization. Pioneers in this work advised all changes in legislation which would insure greater progress in the organization work. Library legislation passed in the various states since our last annual meeting and personal news items from state libraries were included in the paper by Mrs. Eva May Fowler, Acting Librarian of Illinois State Library.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report was read, showing an increase of five regular and two associate members. Reports of committees on public archives, resolutions, audit, and nominations were heard. The following officers were elected: President, Edward H. Redstone, State Librarian of Massachusetts; First Vice-president, Herbert V. Clayton, Assistant State Librarian of Kansas; Second Vice-president, Mrs. W. F. Marshall, State Librarian of Mississippi; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Eva May Fowler, Acting Librarian, Illinois State Library.

EVA MAY FOWLER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Note—It is understood that the full proceedings for the last two conferences of the National Association of State Libraries are printed separately.